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1. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF INDECISION AND REVISION OF OBJECTIVES,
ABU DHABI MUNICIPALITY GROUP IS AT LAST READY TO MAKE TRIP TO US
IN PREPARATION FOR LARGE NEW AFFORESTATION PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED
OUT IN THE EMIRATE.

2. FIVE-MAN DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF:

1. MR. AHMED AWADULKARIM, DIRECTOR, MUNICIPALITY OF ABU DHABI.
2. MR. SALIM KHALIFA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURAL DEPT.
3. MR. EMELE SADAQA, IRRIGATION CONSULTANT
4. MR. DARWISH DAGHIR, ABU DHABI DEPT. OF PURCHASES
5. MR. ALAH FAYEZ TAGHMA, ABU DHABI DEPT OF PURCHASES

3. OBJECTIVES OF TRIP WILL BE:

A) TO VISIT FIRMS WHICH MANUFACTURE THE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
REQUIRED FOR THE AFFORESTATION OF ARID LANDS ESPECIALLY
AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEMS UTILIZING SPRINKLERS AND DRIP
IRRIGATORS. MUNICIPALITY PLANS INITIAL PURCHASE OF ABOUT
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\$2 MILLION WITH LARGE FOLLOW-ON ORDERS EXPECTED OVER THE COMING YEARS
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B) TO VISIT ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCED IN THE AFFORESTATION - OR
FAILING THAT, THE FARMING - OF ARID AND SALTY LANDS. ONE OBJECTIVE IS
THE IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTS WHICH CAN THRIVE IN HOT, DRY SALTY
ENVIRONMENTS.

NOTE: CONTRARY TO EARLIER PLANS, INVESTIGATION OF SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES WILL NOT RPT NOT BE OBJECTIVE ON THIS TRIP.

4. GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 5, 1977 ON PANAM FLT # 107 FROM LONDON AT 1540HRS. ALL VISITORS SPEAK ENGLISH. GROUP IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO WESTERN U.S. IF THAT WHERE MOST FRUITFUL MEETINGS CAN BE HELD. GROUP PLANS TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN U.S.

5. COMMENT: JANUARY US WATER RESOURCES DELEGATION DID MUCH TO SPARK INTEREST IN MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS IN US WATER TECHNOLOGY. USDOC MISSION HAD TWO-HOUR GROUP SESSION WITH MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS AND WE BELIEVE TIS RETURN VISIT IS DIRECT RESULT OF THAT MEETING.

6. ACTION REQUESTED PLS ARRANGE VISITS WITH MANUFACTUREERS AND USERS OF IRRIGATION AND AFFORESTATION EQUIPMENT TO SATISFY DELEGATION OBJECTIVES LISTED PARA 3. PLS ALSO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT REASONABLY-PRICED HOTELS (TO BE PAID FOR BY DELEGATION) IN AREAS TO BE VISITED. DELEGATION DEPARTS ABU DHABI ON MAY 30 FOR FIVE-DAY EUROPEAN STOP-OVER. PLS SEND NAMES OF CONTROL OFFICER AND DETAILS OF VISIT ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE MAY 29 SO THAT WE CAN PASS THEM TO MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS BEFORE THEY LEAVE.
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